

REMARKS

Allowable Claim 10 has been rewritten in independent form. The non-elected claims have been withdrawn. The rejected claims have been cancelled, thereby rendering the §§102 and 103 rejections moot here.

The rejection of Claims 19-22 under 35 U.S.C. §112, ¶2 is traversed, and reconsideration is respectfully requested in light of the foregoing amendments and following comments.

Nothing in the patent statute requires a claim to set forth, as a general proposition, "structural cooperative relationships." Those kinds of relationships are typically defined in the specification unless the level of skill in the art renders such disclosure unnecessary. Otherwise, such relationships need only be recited in the claims in order to define over the prior art, something not in question here.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, Claims 19-22 have been amended to more positively recite the structural elements and their relationships to each other to the extent necessary.

Accordingly, early and favorable action is now earnestly solicited.

If there are any questions regarding this amendment or the application in general, a telephone call to the undersigned would be appreciated since this should expedite the prosecution of the application for all concerned.

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If necessary to effect a timely response, this paper should be considered as a petition for an Extension of Time sufficient to effect a timely response, and please charge any deficiency in fees or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 05-1323 (Docket #028987.53210US).

Respectfully submitted,

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